

# Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church



January 2019

# Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's

Saturday, January 12 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Applebee's Restaurant Triangle Shopping Center/Longview

Tickets - \$10/Each



Menu
Pancakes
Sausage
Scrambled Eggs
Beverage

(Coffee, Milk, Juice, Soft Drinks)

Fundraiser for Campership Ministry

#### Family Fun Night

Wednesday, January 16 5:30 p.m. – Dinner 6:00 p.m. – Games



All Ages Welcome!
Invite a Friend, Family Member, Neighbor

Bring a Favorite Board Game to Share
If you would like, you may also bring
your favorite dessert or cookies to share,
but this is optional.

## Planned Giving Workshop



Sunday, January 27 12:15 p.m. (following 2nd Service)

**FREE** 

The Finance Committee is sponsoring a Planned Giving Workshop through the Northwest United Methodist Foundation. Please see the letter at the end of this newsletter for more information.

# Notes from the Pastor's Pen . .



New Year, New You! Isn't that what everyone says on the commercials? I think every day is a new opportunity to get it right. We don't have to wait for a new year. There is much to be thankful for in 2018 but also some sadness. Life is always a mixture of good and bad. Someone once said if you don't have the bad how can you appreciate the good? I suppose that is true, but I pray that in 2019 we will experience more of the good than bad. I will never forget 2018, but 2019 will not be stopped. Time is always a constant, and so here it is before us. What will we make of 2019? What new adventures are in store for us? I don't know what God has planned for us, but I do know that God is with us.

So, as I think and wonder at the possibilities in 2019, I also wonder where would Jesus want us to be? If Jesus walked the earth today, would He be in the most beautiful sanctuary or would He be at a homeless shelter? I read an article about a woman named Harriet Richie. Harriet and her family had just left a Christmas Eve service and stopped for breakfast at a truck stop, the only place open. She looked around and felt out of place. She thought one day they would look back with a laugh and say to each other, "Remember the Christmas we ate breakfast at that truck stop? That awful music and those tacky lights?"

She was staring out the window when an old Volkswagen van drove up. A young man with a beard, wearing jeans got out. He walked around and opened the door for a young woman who was holding a baby. They hurried inside and took a booth nearby.

When Rita, the waitress, took the young couple's order, the baby began to cry and neither of the young parents could quiet him. Rita reached over and held out her arms. "Sit down and drink your coffee, hon, let me see what I can do." It was evident that Rita had done this before with her own brood. She began talking and walking around the place. She showed the baby to one of the truckers who began whistling and making silly faces. The baby stopped crying. She showed the baby the blinking lights on the window and the

#### Pastor's Notes (Cont.)

lights on the jukebox. She brought the baby over to Harriet's table. "Just look at this little darlin'," she said. "Mine are so big and grown."

The one-armed fellow behind the counter brought a pot of coffee to Harriet's table. As he refilled their mugs, Harriet felt tears in her eyes. Her husband wanted to know what was wrong. "Nothing. Just Christmas," she told him, reaching in her purse for a Kleenex and a quarter. "Go see if you can find a Christmas song on the jukebox," she told the children. When they were gone, Harriet said, "He'd come here, wouldn't he?" "Who?" her husband asked.

"Jesus," Harriet said. "If Jesus were born in this town tonight and the choices were our neighborhood, the church, or this truck stop, it would be here, wouldn't it?" Her husband didn't answer right away, but looked around the place, looked at the people. Finally he said, "Either here or a homeless shelter."

"That's what bothers me," Harriet said. "When we first got here, I felt sorry for these people because they probably aren't going home to neighborhoods where the houses have candles in the windows and wreaths on the doors. And listening to that awful music, I thought, I'll bet nobody here has even heard of Handel. Now I think that more than any place I know, this is where Christmas is. But I don't belong."

As they walked to the car, her husband put his arm around her. "Remember," he reminded her, "the angel said, 'I bring good news of great joy to ALL people."

So that is my hope and prayer for 2019, my resolution so to speak, that we will be willing to go to the places Jesus would go, to help the people Jesus would help, and to live up to God's call in our lives.

Tom and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2019 and that this year brings you the greatest year of your life. We pray the joy you've experienced at the birth of the Christ child remains in your heart all year long. Let us experience together this great adventure God will lead us on this year.

I'll look for you in church! --Pastor Vonda

#### "Undecorate" the Church

Sunday, January 6 12:15 p.m.

#### Chili and Cornbread Feed



Please stay (or come back) following 2nd Service and help take Christmas decorations down. Pastor Vonda will treat everyone to her delicious chili and cornbread.

#### FISH Food Ministry

On January 3 and 4, we served: Families–63, Adults–126, Children–63 for a total of 189.

Thank you to the following volunteers: Bette Aanderud, Dale Bruton, Pat Faires, Richard Hallett, Michelle Hamilton, Steve Johnson, Jake Kubin, John Orr, Peggy Porter, Peggy Skeahan, Colleen Walker, and Shirley Whyte

#### **FISH Food Needed:**

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti
- Canned Tomatoes
- Hunts Pasta Sauce (traditional)
- Canned Fruit (Applesauce, Peaches, Pears)
- Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Green Beans)
- Tuna
- Rice
- Top Ramen

Put items in containers in Narthex (Lobby).

#### Crafter's Club

(Meeting #2)



Monday, January 7 6:00 p.m. Room 12



All Ladies Invited!

Participants will make:

- Paper-Pieced Christmas Ornament or
  - Yarn Santa Ornament

To get a list of supplies to bring, contact:

#### **Linda Redmond**

360-636-0295 / <u>Iredmond725@aol.com</u> or

**Beth Wills** 

360-577-1757 / lonewolffirst@outlook.com

## Community House News

On Saturday, December 29, church members prepared and served dinner to 60 residents, many of whom were children, at Community House on Broadway.

Ken and Jeanne McDonald provided the food for our meal which was prepared and served by Dick Graham, Nancy Heaton, Steve Johnson, David Jones, Steve and Jayne Lafady, Rob and Sherry Rice, and Carole Sprouse. Some of the servers also provided cookies for the meal.

We see new faces each time we serve a meal, and as always, it is fun and rewarding. The residents are always very thankful.

--Jayne Lafady Dinner Coordinator

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Kimber Vitus and Brian Duling on their marriage in Maui on December 12.



## Wedding Anniversaries

Les and Marline Czarnecki celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on January 1.



Tom and Vonda McFadden celebrated their 26th Wedding Anniversary on January 2.



#### Remember In Prayer

John Anderson, Jerrilyn French (Cheryl Risner's sister-in-law),
Tom Gates, Lolita Hare,
Jean Larsen, and our children
we sponsor at Jamaa Letu Orphanage in
the Congo: Betty, Joseph, Leon, Ruth
Kashala, Ruth Mukuna, Souzanne, Willy,
and Yanick

## Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

 The family of Ruth Clark. Ruth passed away on January 1. Her service will be held here at the church on Saturday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m.





 Iva Nurmi and family at the loss of Iva's son, Lon, on December 29.



 Pat Faires and family at the passing of Pat's husband, Glenn, on December 8.



 Rev. Robert Henre and family at the loss of Robert's mother, Barbara Henre of Norfolk, Nebraska, on December 8.
 Robert was the pastor here from 1998-2005.

# Recognizing 2018 Special Gifts

It is with great appreciation that the leadership of our church acknowledges the following major gifts received this past year.

 The full funding of our replacement handicapped lift by Jim Baker in loving memory of Susan Davis Baker.



• The funding of our replacement baby grand piano by memorial gifts given by the estate of June Hardie, and in memory of Marjorie Schwartz and John Westervelt.







- A substantial gift towards the restoration of the bell tower given by Wally Dietel in loving memory of Sharon Dietel.
- A significant gift to the Memorial Fund from the estate of Virginia French by her children, Gerald French and Cheryl Risner.



All of these gifts reflect the importance of our church in the lives of those who are recognized above.

#### Flower Calendar

The 2019 Flower Calendar is posted in the Narthex (Lobby).

Please sign your name by the Sunday you would like to bring flowers for the Altar Table and indicate if you would like a special message printed in the bulletin (i.e., In memory/honor/celebration of and then list the person(s) name or event).

### Going into the Hospital

When you are going into the hospital, please call and notify the church if you want the pastor to come visit you. The hospital does not release names of patients, so we are counting on you to share this important information with us.

#### Help Backpack Buddies

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

#### **Everyone Welcome to Help Pack Bags!**

Food donations are needed for our Backpack Buddies program to help children at Barnes Elementary School who are in need of food over the weekend. List includes:

- Tuna
- Chili
- Soup
- Fruit Cups
- Oatmeal (Individual Packs)
- Macaroni and Cheese
- · Plastic Grocery Bags.

Donation Containers in Narthex (Lobby)

# **Emergency Support** Shelter

#### "Item of the Month" - Medications



Cold Medications, Neosporin, Band-Aids, Rubbing Alcohol, Teething Tablets, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Tums, Benadryl, Pepto-Bismol, etc.

Donation Basket in Narthex (Lobby)

# January Birthdays

- Jeremiah Holter-Johnson. 1 Bev Laulainen
- 2 Erin Hall
- 7 Don Corkrum
- 9 **Bob West**
- 11 Keith Clayburg, Pat Eyer
- Fiina Fowler 14
- 18 Olive Orr
- 19 Doug Thayer
- Helen Albin, Peggy Porter, 20 Sandra Schlarb
- 22 Pamela Dickey
- 23 **Betty Coulombe**

#### Attendance

| Sunday                                   |               |                |                |  |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|--|
|  | Sunday        | 1st            | 2nd            |  |
| <u>Date</u>                              | <u>School</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Service</u> |  |
| 12/02/18                                 | 7             | 80             | 62             |  |
| Advent Dinner with Music for the Soul 74 |               |                |                |  |
| 12/09/18                                 | 8             | 84             | 78             |  |
| 12/16/18                                 | 13            | 84             | 74             |  |
| 12/23/18                                 | 12            | 91             | 73             |  |
| 12/24/18                                 | Christmas     | Eve Service    | 211            |  |
| 12/30/18                                 | 7             | One Service    | 90             |  |

Wednesday

|          | <u>Youth</u>       | <u>Adults</u> |  |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|--|
| 12/05/18 | 13                 | 12            |  |
| 12/12/18 | 15                 | 24            |  |
|          | (Family Fun Night) |               |  |
| 12/19/18 | 4                  | 9             |  |
| 12/26/18 | Christmas Break    |               |  |

#### A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

#### ~Anonymous

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Sunday Schedule (Sept-May)

9:00 am Contemporary Service 9:20 am Kid's Sunday School

10:10 am Adult Bible/Book Study 11:00 am Traditional Service

10:00 am & 12:00 pm Fellowship Time

Wednesday Schedule (Sept-May)

5:30 pm Children/Teen Ministry

6:15 pm Praise Team Practice

7:00 pm Choir Practice





January 3, 2019

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to invite you to a Planned Giving Workshop at our church, taking place on Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m., immediately following 2nd Service. I know everyone in our community will benefit from this information.

This is a free service offered by the Northwest United Methodist Foundation and hosted by our church. The 90-minute presentation will cover topics such as durable powers of attorney, health care directives, and various ways we can pass on our assets. We will also hear about how planned gifts can provide you with personal and financial benefits, while also benefitting our church.

As this new year begins, learning more about and making financial decisions will be a benefit to you and your family.

The Finance Committee is pleased to offer this workshop to you, and I hope that you will join me on January 27. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,

Pastor Vonda



# JANUARY 27 6:00 PM MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Music for the Soul is back this month with more wonderful music and a wonderful time to be in fellowship together. We have a guest vocalist this month, and although we will miss Jenny, you won't want to miss this month. Potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. If you don't want to enjoy great food, then come at 6:00 p.m. for the music. Everyone is welcome and be sure to invite your friends.

Fellowship

Enjoy Great
Music

Invite your friends
and family

Everyone
Welcome

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